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College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences

Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis & Resolution 2016



Curriculum Requirements & Degree Plan

Doctoral students must complete a minimum of 76 (Ph.D.) credits, successfully pass a preliminary review, successfully complete a Qualifying Examination, and a dissertation to be eligible for the degree. Students must also maintain a 3.5 GPA through completion of the degree. Some courses have specific prerequisite requirements that students must meet; these should be checked to ensure compliance.

Courses

CARD 5000 - Foundations and Development of Conflict Resolution & Peace Studies

This course outlines the substantive themes, history, origins, contexts, and philosophical foundations of conflict resolution, healing, peacemaking, and problem solving. Students will examine levels of interventions and processes in the field of conflict resolution. Offered all terms.

CARD 5040 - Communication Dynamics in Dispute Resolution: The Human Factor

This course presents communication theories relevant to conflict resolution as well as theories about understanding, analyzing, and managing conflict. The course focuses on the human and emotional aspects of conflict, and includes the influence of gender and culture. This course is pragmatic as well as theoretical, and presents communication and conflict resolution models in a practice-based approach. Offered all terms.

CARD 5100 - Mediation Theory and Practice

This course examines theories, methods, and techniques of mediation. Students will have the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge of mediation skills.

Prerequisites: CARM or CARD 5040. Offered fall and winter.

CARD 5140 - Negotiation Theory and Practice

This course examines conflict intervention from the perspective of the disputant/negotiator. The integration of theory and practice will emphasize the tactics, strategies, and operations of effective and ineffective bargaining/negotiating behavior. The course develops negotiator skills and knowledge, leading to collaborative-based actions and solutions.

Prerequisites: CARM or CARD 5040. Offered winter.

CARD 6120 - Culture and Conflict: Cross-Cultural Perspectives

This course examines the nature and meaning of conflict, conflict management techniques, and the assessment of conflict situations from a cross-cultural perspective. Explores various models for training third parties to function effectively in handling disputes where cultural differences are a significant factor. Also addresses various theoretical and practical implications of indigenous conflict management techniques and beliefs found in different cultural settings. Offered fall.

CARD 6130 - Practicum I: Supervised Field Experience

This course is a field research project that incorporates classroom knowledge and real-world settings. Students will demonstrate their ability to apply theory to practice and analyze situations utilizing knowledge from previous course work.

Prerequisites: CARM 5000 or CARD 5000, and CARM 5040 or CARD 5040, and CARM 5020 or CARD 7040 AND 1 of the following CARM 5100, CARM 5140, CARM 6140, CARD 7020. Offered all terms.

CARD 6140 - Facilitation Theory and Practice

This course develops students' skills in working with groups. It incorporates theories and models of group dynamics, facilitation, and group development, as well as workshop development and delivery. This course uses a practice-based approach, including role-plays and workshop presentations.

Prerequisites: CARM or CARD 5040. Offered fall and winter (online) and summer (on-campus).

CARD 6160 - Practicum II: Supervised Field Experience

Continuation of CARD 6130 Practicum I: Supervised Field Experience. Prerequisite: CARD 6130. Offered fall and winter.

CARD 7020 - Systems Design: History and Contemporary Practice

An examination of concepts of dispute resolution systems design. Includes the influence of organizational culture and prevailing social and cultural norms on the design and implementation of dispute resolution systems. Explores dispute resolution systems for neighborhoods, religious organizations, ethnic groups, business associations, and other settings that have relatively clear boundaries and shared norms. Offered summer.

CARD 7040 - Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution I

This course examines macro and micro theories from social science disciplines about the nature of conflict and various approaches to conflict resolution. Offered winter.

CARD 7050 - Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution II

Continuation of CARM 5020 or CARD 7040. Prerequisite: CARD 7040. Offered summer.

CARD 7090 - Quantitative Research I: Methods and Tools

Covers a range of quantitative research methods and designs including questionnaires, interviews and surveys, sampling, attitude and rating scales, tests of statistical significance, experiments, and the basics of descriptive statistics and univariate analysis. Offered fall.

CARD 7100 - Quantitative Research II: Analysis and Statistics

This course explores various methods of analyzing and presenting quantitative research data. Includes common concepts and techniques for analyzing results of surveys and experimental research projects: computer statistical programs and an in-house database, bivariate and multivariate analysis, index and scale development, and more advanced techniques such as regression analysis. Prerequisite: CARD 7090. Offered winter.

CARD 7110 - Qualitative Research Methods I

This course provides an introduction to the qualitative research traditions and the philosophical and ethical considerations in conducting this type of research. The course explores a range of qualitative data collection with a focus on ethnography and biography. These are two of the five major traditions to be explored in this two-course series. Techniques used to research conflict and conflict resolution, including in-depth interviews and participant-observation, data collection and analysis, as well as review of relevant research literature in the field. Offered fall.

CARD 7120 - Qualitative Research Methods II

This course continues the exploration of qualitative research with a special focus on three of the five qualitative traditions, phenomenology, the case study, and grounded theory. Such traditions will also explore how to research conflict and conflict resolution. In addition, elements of the qualitative research proposal will be discussed and practiced such as formulating an abstract, research problems, research questions/ objectives, and methodological analysis. Prerequisite: CARD 7110. Offered winter.

CARD 7250 - Public Policy

Analysis of current policy issues in the field of conflict resolution with an emphasis on the design, implementation, evaluation and analysis of legislation, including state and local policy initiatives in Florida, the United States, and abroad. Offered summer.

CARD 7500 - Teaching and Training

An introduction to teaching and training. Reviews instructional models and teaching literature with emphasis on teaching the adult learner.

Prerequisites: Prerequisites: CARD 5000 and CARD 5040 and CARD 7090 and CARD 7110 and CARD 7040, AND 2 of the following: CARD 5100, CARD 5140, CARD 6140, CARD 7020. Offered fall.

CARD 7510 - Teaching and Training Practicum

Provides an opportunity for supervised teaching and training experience in graduate, undergraduate, continuing education, video and curriculum development, seminar, online course delivery, and/or workshop instruction in conflict resolution or related field. Prerequisite: CARD 7500. Offered winter.

Doctoral Seminar

1 Credit

CARD 7001 - Doctoral Seminar

This course is designed to provide support, information, resources, coaching and feedback to doctoral students in preparation for the qualifying examination. Primarily, the course focuses on preparation for the qualifying examination and assisting students in organizing their resources and time.

Prerequisites: **CARD 6130 and CARD 6160; or CARD 7500 and CARD 7510; or CARD 6130 and CARD 7500. Offered all terms.**

Dissertation Courses

12 Credits

CARD 7901 - Dissertation Proposal Course

This course is designed to provide structure and guidance for students entering the dissertation stage of the doctoral program. Emphasis in the course will be on the steps necessary to prepare a draft dissertation proposal including research design, research tools, literature review, theoretical perspectives, and the design of research questions. Students in the class, in consultation with their dissertation chairs, will develop progress timelines and will be apprised of all the related policies and procedures for dissertation study. The course will utilize a facilitative approach and will employ peer review.

3 credits

Pre-requisites: successful completion of all doctoral courses and successful completion or registration for the Qualifying Exam.

CARD 7900 - Dissertation

Focuses on the development, writing, and defense of the dissertation. When approved, students register for at least three credits per term for a minimum of 12 credits. Prerequisites: successful completion of all coursework, the qualifying examination, and the approval of the Program Director and Dissertation Committee.

9 credits

Elective Courses

Students are required to complete 24 credit hours. For a complete list of elective courses please see the CAHSS catalog [here](#).

Transferring Credits

Applicants to our Ph.D. program can transfer up to 24 credits from a Masters degree in a related field.

Degree Plans

Below is a sample of a degree plan for a full-time and part-time student who begins their studies in Fall trimester. Degree plans will be modified based on a student's enrollment date and pace of study.

PART TIME (76 Credit Hours)

Year	Fall (August)	Winter (January)	Summer (May)
Year 1	CARD 5000: Foundations and Development of Conflict Resolution	CARD 5100: Mediation Theory and Practice	CARD 6140: Facilitation Theory and Practice (on-campus program) or Elective (online program)
	CARD 5040: Human Factors	CARD 7040: Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution I	CARD 7050: Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution II
Year 2	CARD 7110: Qualitative Research I	CARD 7120: Qualitative Research II (if CARD 7100 will not be taken)	CARD 7020: Systems Design or Elective
	CARD 6120: Culture and Conflict Preliminary Review	CARD 5140: Negotiation Theory and Practice	CARD 66__: Elective
Year 3	CARD 7090: Quantitative Research I	CARD 7100: Quantitative Research II (if CARD 7120 will not be taken) or Elective	CARD 66__: Elective
	CARD 6140: Facilitation Theory and Practice (online program) or Elective (on-campus program)	CARD 66__: Elective	CARD 66__: Elective
Year 4	CARD 7500: Teaching and Training or CARD 6130 Practicum I	CARD 7510: Teaching and Training Practicum or CARD 6160 Practicum II	Qualifying Examination (Registration by Program Manager)
	CARD 66__: Elective	CARD 7001: Doctoral Seminar (1 credit)	CARD 7901: Dissertation Preparation course (3 Credits)*
Year 5	CARD 7900 Dissertation (3 Credits)	CARD 7900 Dissertation (3 Credits)	CARD 7900 Dissertation (3 Credits)
Year 6	CARD 7900 Dissertation (1 Credit)		Graduation and Celebration

** After eligible students are registered for the Qualifying Exam by the Program Manager, students may then register themselves for CARD 7901.*

FULL TIME (76 Credit Hours)

Year	Fall (August)	Winter (January)	Summer (May)
	CARD 5000: Foundations and Development of Conflict Resolution	CARD 5100: Mediation Theory and Practice	CARD 6140: Facilitation Theory and Practice (on-campus program) or Elective (online program)
Year 1	CARD 5040: Human Factors	CARD 7040: Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution I	CARD 7050: Theories of Conflict and Conflict Resolution II
	CARD 7110: Qualitative Research I	CARD 7120: Qualitative Research II (if CARD 7100 will not be taken) or Elective	CARD 66__: Elective or CARD 7250 Public Policy
	CARD 6120: Culture and Conflict Theory	CARD 5140: Negotiation Theory and Practice	Preliminary Review
Year 2	CARD 66__: Elective	CARD 66__: Elective	CARD 66__: Elective
	CARD 7090: Quantitative Research I or Elective	CARD 7100: Quantitative Research II (if CARD 7120 will not be taken) or Elective	CARD 66__: Elective
Year 3	CARD 6140: Facilitation Theory and Practice (online program) or Elective (on-campus program)	CARD 7001: Doctoral Seminar (1 credit)	Qualifying Examination (Registration by Program Manager)
	CARD 7500: Teaching and Training or CARD 6130 Practicum I	CARD 7510: Teaching and Training Practicum or CARD 6160 Practicum II	CARD 7901: Dissertation Preparation course (3 Credits)*
Year 4	CARD 7900 Dissertation (3 Credits)	CARD 7900 Dissertation (3 Credits)	CARD 7900 Dissertation (3 Credits)
Year 5	CARD 7900 Dissertation (1 Credit)		Graduation and Celebration

** After eligible students are registered for the Qualifying Exam by the Program Manager, students may then register themselves for CARD 7901.*

Please note: After a total of 12 dissertation credits are completed, if necessary, students will register for 1 credit of dissertation per term until the student successfully defends the dissertation.